are made by the Government; and

(b) if so, whether any progress has been made in their efforts?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Some of the photographs and video casettes available with the media persons who had visited Ayodhya on 6-12-92 have been collected by the CBI. The CBI investigation is still in progress.

Explosives used in demolition of Ayodhya Structure

275. SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether explosives manufactured by Government units are not freely available in the market; and

(b) if so, how such explosives were used in demolishing the Ayodhya Shrine as reported in the press?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) The Government has no information so far to corroborate the use of explosives in the demolition of the Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid structure. The CBI investigation is, however, in progress.

Vacancies of Asstt. Engineer (Civil) in M.C.D.

276. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of vacancies in the category of Asstt. Engineer (Civil) have been lying vacant in Water Supply and Sewage Disposals undertaking (M.C.D., Delhi) which are to be filled up through direct recruitment;

(b) whether it is also a fact that candidates sponsored by the Employment Exchange have been awaiting in queue for their interview/selection since long; and

(c) if so, upto what time all selection formalities will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking has reported that the selection will be made after completion of all formalities of recruitment.

277. [*Transferred to 2nd March, 1993*].

अयोध्या की घटनाओं पर श्वेत पत्र

278. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार अयोध्या की घटनाओं के संबंध में कोई श्वेत पत्र जारी करने जा रही है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसे कब तक प्रकाशित किए जाने की संभावना है ?

गृह मंत्री (श्री एस. बी. चव्हाण) : (क) और (ख) राम जन्म भूमि-बाबरी मस्जिद से संबंधित मामले पर केन्द्र सरकार ने एक "श्वेत पत्र" तैयार कर लिया है । "श्वेत पत्र" की एक प्रति सदन के पटल पर रखे जाने के इरादे का नोटिस दे दिया गया है ।

Persons given Capital Punishment

279. SHRI MOHAMMAD AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of accused given capital punishment in the country during the last three years;

(b) what is the number of those whose sentence were condoned or converted into life imprisonment during these three years; and